

# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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January 5, 2006

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

AWARD OF SUPPLEMENTAL CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 3 VOTES

#### IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Award and authorize the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to execute Supplemental Agreement 2 to Contract PW12658 with Freeman Alternative Resources and set the effective date to provide additional construction inspection services for a not to exceed fee of \$250,000 to be financed by various funds for public works construction.

### PURPOSE OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

This action involves awarding a supplemental agreement to an existing contract for construction inspection services and authorizing the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to execute and establish the effective date of the supplemental agreement.

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### **JUSTIFICATION**

On December 3, 2002, Synopsis 33, your Board approved an Agreement with Freeman Alternative Resources for construction inspection services for \$1,500,000. The need for these services is greater than was expected at that time due to a large number of projects under construction by the Department of Public Works during the current fiscal year. Approval of the recommended action will facilitate the completion of these projects and others which will be submitted to your Board for approval in the future.

### FISCAL IMPACT

There will be no impact to the County's General Fund.

### **FINANCING**

The Supplemental Agreement will be funded by various funds for public works construction under the purview of the Department of Public Works.

### FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

A standard Supplemental Agreement, previously approved as to form by County Counsel, will be used. The Agreement includes a clause for termination of services upon prior written notice and a renegotiation clause as directed by your Board.

As requested by your Board on August 12, 1997, and as a threshold requirement for consideration of contract award, Freeman Alternative Resources is willing to consider Greater Avenues for Independence participants for future employment.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the Agreement stating contractors shall notify their employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, about Board Policy 5.135 (Safely Surrendered Baby Law) and that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal income tax laws.

Freeman Alternative Resources is in full compliance with Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.200 (Child Support Compliance Program) and Chapter 2.203 (Contractor Employee Jury Service Program).

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### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

On December 3, 2002, Synopsis 33, your Board awarded a contract to Freeman Alternative Resources (PW12658) to provide construction inspection services for a total annual fee not to exceed \$1,500,000.

Public Works strongly encourages the participation of Community Business Enterprises in contracting opportunities. Freeman Alternative Resources is a CBE firm.

# **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Approval of the recommended action will allow the Department of Public Works to facilitate delivery of the construction of various Public Works construction projects previously approved or to be approved by your Board.

There will be no negative impact on current County services or projects during the performance of the recommended consultant services.

# NEGATIVE DECLARATION/ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORTS

A finding of environmental impact is not required for a Supplemental Consultant Services Agreements for construction inspection services.

#### CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD L. WOLFE
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office County Counsel